(b) if so, what are the details in this regard indicating increase in autonomy desired?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) PSUs managements have been given due autonomy having regard to their categorisation. Furthermore, grant of autonomy to the PSUs is a continuous process in relation to emerging situations.

Disclosure of Black Money by Indian Cricketer

*695. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an Indian test cricket player had declared a high amount of black money under the Scheme of Voluntary Disclosure of Income;

(b) if so, the name of the player and the amount he had declard;

(c) whether the above mentioned player had any contact with the cricket match betters in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) to (d) As per information received from Central Board of Direct Taxes, the declarations made under the Voluntary Disclosure of Income Scheme, 1997 are confidential and the requisite information cannot be disclosed as per Section 72 of the Scheme.

Facilities to Senior Citizens

*696. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propsoe to extend similar facilities to senior citizens, which are being given to the handicapped persons, since people after the age of 65 are almost handicapped;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The problems of handicapped persons are different from problems of older persons. Older persons cannot be treated as handicapped persons as their problems are related generally to old age and not due to disability due to a handicap.

Export of steel and pig iron products by SAIL

*697. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited has been exporting steel and pig iron products;

(b) if so, the total foreign exchange earned by SAIL by exporting steel and pig iron products;

(c) whether SAIL has any proposal to increase the export of steel and pig iron products in coming years; and

(d) if so, the proposal mooted in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total foreign exchange earned (FOB basis) on exports of Iron & Steel Products during the year 1999- 2000 (April-Dec.'1999) in equivalent rupee terms is Rs. 632.60 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) SAIL has, *inter-alia*, evolved the following strategies to increase exports:

— Value added exports

— Consistent export

— Market segmentation and sustained presence in respective segments

— Improved infrastructure at loading ports and steel plants

— Adequate and suitable market intelligence.

Proposal for Amendment of SC / ST list in Gujarat

*698. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state: